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BOLTON WANDERERS

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP: Third Round

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Winners 1963-4 1974-5
 Runners-up 1922-3
 Semi-Finalists 1932-3

Football League (Div. II):

Winners 1957-8 Runners-up 1922-3

Football League Cup:

Runners-up 1965-6
 Semi-Finalists 1963-4 1966-7 1971-2

F.A. Charity Shield:

Joint Holders 1964 Runners-up 1975

Football Association Youth Cup:

Winners 1962-3
 Runners-up 1956-7 1958-9 1974-5
 Semi-Finalists 1952-3



GEOFF PIKE

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West Ham United

- 1 Mervyn Day
- 2 Kevin Lock
- 3 Frank Lampard
- 4 Bill Green
- 5 Tommy Taylor
- 6 Billy Bonds (capt.)
- 7 Keith Robson
- 8 Alan Devonshire
- 9 Billy Jennings
- 10 Trevor Brooking
- 11 Bryan Robson
- 12

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Tony Dunne
- 4 Roy Greaves
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Sam Allardyce
- 7 Willie Morgan
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Steve Taylor
- 10 Peter Reid
- 11 Brian Smith
- 12 Alan Waldron

ANY CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Referee : A. J. HAMIL (Wolverhampton)

Linesman (Red Flag) : D. G. KING (Brighton, Sussex)

Linesman (Orange Flag) : R. C. SIBLEY (Reading, Berks.)

SCORERS

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HALF-TIME SCORES

- A Cardiff City v Tottenham Hot'r
- B Charlton Ath. v Blackburn Rov
- C Coventry City v Millwall
- D Darlington v Orient
- E Fulham v Swindon Town

- F Wimbledon v Middlesbrough
- G Liverpool v Crystal Palace
- H Northwich Victoria v Watford
- I Notts County v Arsenal
- J Q.P.R. v Shrewsbury Town
- K Southampton v Chelsea
- L Southend United v Chester

EFFECTS OF POSTPONEMENTS

The intermingling of Christmas and New Year holidays with a schedule of four League matches caused several "headaches" among those intimately concerned with "putting on the show" at grounds where Football League games were to be staged. Several subsequent cancellations raised more problems, leaving a trail of unplayed matches to be fixed at later dates.

Match-programmes for our Coventry City and West Bromwich Albion games had of necessity to be produced further in advance than usual. Because of this some match reports, etc., were held over for this issue, but circumstances now necessitate partial repetition in order that our readers may pick up the threads.

It was not too difficult to overcome these literary amendments, but the administrative side became immediately hard-pressed when the Boleyn Ground opened for business on the day following the Christmas closure.

Overnight frost created havoc on the playing-surface at Upton Park, and it soon became apparent that Wednesday's fixture against Coventry City was almost certain to be postponed. Emergency treatment proved of little avail, and by midday the match had been officially called off after inspection by League referee **Clive White** of Harrow, Middlesex.

Phone calls to the media conveyed the news as speedily as possible, after which our outgoing lines became blocked with messages to part-time personnel to let them know that their services were not required that night.

Fortunately we were able to advise the Coventry party not to travel, and at least that saved **some** expense. However, the cost of cancelling a fixture is still a considerable (and irrecoverable) drain upon finances; because of this, no club is ever really keen to accept a postponement.

Inevitably the call will go up from a minority for a "winter closure" of the season. However, the first requirement would be for a "miracle man" among the weather forecasters to tell us several **months** in advance **when** to close down; and who among all the "experts" foresaw that after a full schedule of 46 matches on December 27, no less than 17 out of 30 would be postponed two days later, and nearly 50 more in the subsequent five days.

The attendance figures on "Boxing Day" (*officially* on Dec. 27 this year) justified the playing of games that day, and although the re-arrangement of postponed games makes additional work it would be foolish to close when the weather is still amenable.

As a matter of interest, the Dutch League only left three Sundays vacant this season (Dec. 19 and 26, Jan 2); they **could** have played on the first one, but may now find that matches in mid-January will have to be put off until later.

The weather usually wins!

CUP DETAILS

In our programme for the postponed match on Dec. 29 we remarked that the F.A. Cup Third Round has been arranged for January 8 (today). This round was played last year on the first Saturday in January, but because that was New Year's Day this year it has been put back a week. We added that with a heavy League schedule preceding the Cup date, the knock-out competition would be upon hand almost before we realised it!

Subsequent events accented these thoughts, and we found ourselves facing several late requests from Season Ticket Holders who did not see an announcement re distribution until last week-end, **although the full details were published on Dec. 18 and by posters.**

We cannot offer apologies for something beyond our control, but thanks to mutual co-operation it would appear that the greater majority were **not** disappointed.

IF TODAY'S MATCH IS DRAWN . . .

. . . the replay will take place at Burnden Park at 7.30 p.m. on TUESDAY 11 JANUARY.

Tickets for seating would be available from our offices on **Monday** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **AVAILABLE TO ALL APPLICANTS** (not limited to Season Ticket Holders). **NO VOUCHERS REQUIRED.**

IF WE WIN THIS TIE

The Fourth Round takes place on **Saturday 29 January.**

IF WE ARE DRAWN AT HOME IN THE FOURTH ROUND

FULL Season Ticket Holders postal applications to be received not later than **first post on Tuesday 25 January.** **Remittance and stamped addressed envelope** to be enclosed with postal applications.

● **MARK ENVELOPE "ST" IN CORNER** ● **VOUCHER L**

● **PLEASE NOTE PRICES AND SEND CORRECT CASH:**

East Stand £2.00 ; West Stand : C £2.00 ; B and D : £1.60 ; A : £1.40

Personal applications may be made at following times :

Monday 17 January to Friday 21 January from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday 24 January and Tuesday 25 January from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

● **PART SEASON TICKET HOLDERS** will be advised in the **programme** of our match v Aston Villa on January 22 whether any tickets are likely to be available.

IF WE ARE DRAWN AWAY IN THE FOURTH ROUND

● Applications to be made as above : **priority** given to **full** Season Ticket Holders. Prices of admission and any other information would be announced by means of programme, posters and public address at the League match on Saturday 22 January (and in the local press if possible).

● **ANY CHANGES IN ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ADVISED AS POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO.**

THE WANDERERS

Any history of soccer would be incomplete without a mention of the first Wembley F.A. Cup Final ; neither could any meeting of Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United pass without some thoughts of that unique occasion of nearly 54 years ago.

This is particularly so today, as the Trotters and Hammers clash again in the premier knock-out trophy of English soccer. It is a piece of soccer nostalgia particularly shared by two clubs, and although memories dim with the passing years the facts remain written in the records of an ever-memorable occasion.

It was whilst consulting those statistics that we came across the following extract from the programme of a 1937 F.A. Cup tie played at Upton Park :

"The corridor leading to our Board Room and Offices is chock full of photographic souvenirs, most prominent among them being pictures showing that 'never-to-be-forgotten Final' from all angles. So renowned is our 'picture gallery' that people visiting us for the first time—from all parts of the world—make it their first object of interest."

The writer of those words had no inkling that within a few years the "picture gallery" would be lost in the London Blitz of World War II. Those mementoes were probably taken down for safety, but alas they either "disappeared" in the hands of souvenir hunters or were destroyed by various bombs which fell on or around the Boleyn Ground.

Fortunately we have some records of that meeting, and are also able to reproduce some details of the other F.A. Cup tie (and a replay) in which the Trotters and Hammers have previously met—as well as two League Cup engagements.



The First Wembley Final

An extract from our 1924-25 Handbook gave some details which make interesting comparisons with now.

All gate records were broken on 28th April 1923 in the F.A. Cup Final between West Ham United and Bolton Wanderers. No correct return was possible, owing to the crowds breaking in. The official figures returned by the Exhibition authorities were that 90,520 persons paid through the turnstiles and 35,527 ticket holders were admitted, making a total of 126,047. Various estimates were made of the crowd, whose actual number will ever remain a mystery, but it is probable that 200,000 persons were at Wembley on that memorable day.

The gross gate was £27,776.

The amount paid in entertainment tax was £4,206.

The British Empire Exhibition share was £4,714.

West Ham United, Bolton Wanderers and the Football Association each received £6,365 1s. 8d.

The F.A. refunded £2,797 to ticket holders who were unable to get to their seats.

OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(Hammers' scores first)

DIV. I	H	A	DIV. II	H	A
1923-24 ...	0-1	1-1	1933-34 ...	4-2	1-5
1924-25 ...	1-1	0-5	1934-35 ...	4-1	1-3
1925-26 ...	6-0	0-1			
1926-27 ...	4-4	0-2	F.A. CUP		
1927-28 ...	2-0	0-4	1922-23 ...	—	0-2
1928-29 ...	3-0	1-4	(Final at Wembley)		
1929-30 ...	5-3	1-4	1936-37 ...	0-0	0-1
1930-31 ...	1-4	2-4	(Third Round)		
1931-32 ...	3-1	1-0			
1958-59 ...	4-3	2-0	LEAGUE CUP		
1959-60 ...	1-2	1-5	1967-68 ...	4-1	
1960-61 ...	2-1	1-3	(Third Round)		
1961-62 ...	1-0	0-1	1968-69 ...	7-2	
1962-63 ...	1-1	0-3	(Second Round)		
1963-64 ...	2-3	1-1			

SUMMARY		W	D	L	Goals
League:	Home ...	10	3	4	44 - 27
	Away ...	2	2	13	13 - 46
F.A. Cup:	Home ...	0	1	0	0 - 0
	Away ...	0	0	1	0 - 1
	Neutral ...	0	0	1	0 - 2
Lg. Cup:	Home ...	2	0	0	11 - 3
		14	6	19	68 - 79

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

1923 : F.A. CUP FINAL at Wembley

Bolton Wanderers 2 West Ham United 0

Bolton Wanderers: Pym, Haworth, Finney, Nuttall, Seddon, Jennings, Butler, Jack, Smith (J. R.), Smith (J.), Vizard.

West Ham Utd.: Hufton, Henderson, Young, Bishop, Kay (capt.), Tresadern, Richards, Brown, Watson, Moore, Ruffell.

Scorers: Jack, Smith (J. R.).

1937 : F.A. CUP (Round 3) at Upton Park

West Ham United 0 Bolton Wanderers 0

West Ham Utd.: Weare, Bicknell (capt.), Walker (C.), Fenton (E.), Walker (R.), Cockcroft, Foxall, Green, Simpson, Goulden, Morton
Bolton Wanderers: Jones, Tennant, Connor, Goslin, Atkinson, Taylor (G.), Taylor (G. T.), Eastham, Milsom, Westwood, Halford.

Bolton won the replay at Burnden Park 1-0.

1967 : LEAGUE CUP (Rd. 3) at Upton Park

West Ham United 4 Bolton Wanderers 1

West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, Bonds, Charles (J.), Peters, Cushley, Moore (capt.), Redknapp, Boyce, Brabrook, Hurst, Sissons.

Bolton Wanderers: Hopkinson, Hatton (D.), Farrimond, Ritson, Hulme, Greaves, Rimmer, Bromley, Byrom, Hill, Taylor.

Scorers: Byrom (6), Hurst (11, 14, 38 (pen.)), 65).

Attendance: 20,510.

1968 : LEAGUE CUP (Rd. 2) at Upton Park

West Ham United 7 Bolton Wanderers 2

West Ham Utd.: Ferguson, Bonds, Charles (J.), Peters, Stephenson, Moore (capt.), Redknapp, Boyce, Brookings, Hurst, Sissons.

Bolton Wanderers: Hopkinson, Ritson, Farrimond, Williams, Hulme, Hatton (D.), Whar-ton, Hill, Greaves, Bromley, Taylor.

Scorers: Hurst (5 (pen.), 29, 32), Peters (8), Whar-ton (40, pen.), Sissons (70), Taylor (78), Brookings (79), Redknapp (89).

Attendance: 24,937.

CONTRASTING GOAL-COUNT

The figures show that we have yet to score a goal against Bolton Wanderers in an F.A. Cup tie.

Those 270 goalless minutes are in complete contrast to the 180 of the League Cup ties played here.

But—as so often said in the past—“soccer is a game of tomorrows”; and although previous meetings have a passing interest, they will have no real bearing upon events from 3 p.m. onwards this afternoon.

STRONG CHALLENGERS

This pairing of United and Wanderers has all the ingredients for a great Cup tie, and in welcoming the Lancastrians we appreciate that their challenge will be a very strong one.

Bolton's position in the Second Division table makes them a good prospect for promotion. They only missed returning to the First Division by one point at the end of the 1975-6 campaign, and have continued that good run during the past few months.

Furthermore, the Burnden Park squad has gained a lot of League Cup experience this season, as in order to reach the Semi-Final they have now played seven matches. Their two-leg engagement against Everton will ensure that a Lancashire club appears at Wembley next March, and the Wanderers are obviously confident that they can achieve that objective.

We wish them every success in that venture, although our good wishes will be partially offset by the fact that we obviously hope that today's engagement will end in our favour!

Bolton Squad

SAM ALLARDYCE. Born at Dudley. Last season was his first full campaign with Wanderers, and he missed only the first two League games. A central defender, he was club "Player of the Year" in 1975-76.

HUGH CURRAN. Born in Glasgow. His League appearances and goals for the six clubs in his professional career are Third Lanark (9-4), Millwall (57-27), Norwich City (112-46), Wolves (82-40), Oxford Utd. (70-26) and Bolton (44-13); a total of 156 in the net in 374 matches to the end of last season. Missed a lot of games in 1975-76 through injury. Five Scottish caps whilst with Wolves.

TONY DUNNE. Born in Dublin. In addition to 415 League games for Manchester United, he won many other honours — including a European Cup medal. Has now made over a century of League appearances for Wanderers, missing only ten games last season. Eire international with over 30 caps.

ROY GREAVES. Born at Farnworth, near Bolton. The club "veteran," with more than 350 League appearances (and over 50 goals); he recently completed ten years of service with Wanderers and had a testimonial match. Played here in 1967 and 1968 in League Cup ties.

GARRY JONES. Born in Manchester. His eleven League goals last season made him the club's top-scorer with Neil Whatmore. Has made nearly 200 appearances for Wanderers, plus three on loan to Sheffield United.

PAUL JONES. Born at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Over 200 League games have established him in the side. During last season he won Under-23 squad selection, and was in the England party for the match v Hungary in Budapest.

JIM McDONAGH. Born at Rotherham. Signed for the Millers, and made 121 League appearances. Had a spell on loan to Manchester United, but did not play in the League side. Started this season with a month's trial at Burnden Park, and transferred at a £10,000 fee to replace Barry Siddall who went to Sunderland.

WILLIE MORGAN. Born at Alloa. Joined Burnley from school. After 183 League games, he transferred to Manchester United for £117,000 in Aug. 1968. Capped 21 times for Scotland. Moved back to Burnley in the summer of 1975, following 238 League appearances for United, but after only 13 more games for the Turf Moor club he returned to Bolton near the end of the campaign.

PETER NICHOLSON. Born at Cleator Moor. After six League games for Blackpool he transferred to Wanderers; 170 appearances to the beginning of this season.

PETER REID. Born at Huyton. Played for the local schools side before joining the Burnden Park staff. Graduated through the Wanderers' junior sides, and is on his way to a century of League appearances. Ever-present last season.

JOHN RITSON. Born at Liverpool. A one-club player, he was only 17 years old when he played in a League Cup tie at Upton Park in 1967; also in their side here in the following year. Has now passed his 300 League appearances, and is the team captain.

BRIAN SMITH. Born at Walkden, near Manchester. Made six appearances last season (his second as a member of the senior side).

STEVE TAYLOR. Born at Royton, near Oldham. Joined Wanderers from school. Injuries to other players gave him a chance of regular selection, and he has become the leading scorer this season.

PETER THOMPSON. Born at Carlisle. Scored 20 goals in 122 League games for Preston North End. Transferred to Liverpool and netted another 42 in 322 appearances for the Anfielders, winning 16 England caps in the process. Missed only four League games for Wanderers last season, passing his century for the Burnden Park club.

ALAN WALDRON. Born at Bury. He totalled 122 League appearances up to the beginning of this season. Only played eight times in the senior side last campaign, but has recently held a regular place. Spent the summer in USA, playing for Chicago Sting.

NEIL WHATMORE. Born at Ellesmere Port. Joined Wanderers — his only League club — and established his name as a striker with 25 goals in 88 League games to the end of last season.

GOALSCORERS : 1976-77

Football League : Division II

Taylor 13, Whatmore 9, Jones (P.) 7 (inc. 3 penalties), Allardyce 3, Greaves 3, Reid 2, Smith 1, own goal 1.

Football League Cup

Whatmore 5, Taylor 4, Greaves 2, Morgan 2, Jones (P.) 1, Reid 1, Walsh 1

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : Division II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	23	13	6	4	41	31	32
Bolton Wanderers ...	22	13	4	5	39	27	30
Wolves	21	10	7	4	51	27	27
Nottingham Forest ..	21	10	7	4	45	24	27
Blackpool	22	9	9	4	32	23	27
Millwall	20	9	4	7	32	26	22
Sheffield United	21	7	8	6	26	27	22
Charlton Athletic	20	8	5	7	41	36	21
Oldham Athletic	19	8	5	6	25	27	21
Bristol Rovers	23	8	5	10	34	39	21
Blackburn Rovers	21	8	4	9	22	30	20
Luton Town	21	8	3	10	32	30	19
Hull City	20	5	9	6	22	23	19
Cardiff City	21	7	5	9	31	34	19
Notts County	19	8	3	8	28	31	19
Southampton	21	6	7	8	34	38	19
Fulham	23	6	7	10	31	36	19
Plymouth Argyle	22	5	9	8	27	32	19
Carlisle United	23	6	6	11	25	41	18
Burnley	21	4	8	9	24	33	16
Orient	18	4	6	8	18	24	14
Hereford United	20	3	5	12	28	49	11



BOLTON WANDERERS : 1976-77

- Back:** PETER THOMPSON (*inset*), PETER REID, GARRY JONES, ROY GREAVES, MIKE WALSH, BRIAN SMITH, PAUL JONES (*inset*)
- Middle:** JOHN BYROM (*now Blackburn Rovers*), SAM ALLARDYCE, BARRY SIDDALL (*now Sunderland*), ANDY SLACK, PETER NICHOLSON, NEIL WHATMORE, ALAN WALDRON (*inset*)
- Front:** HUGHIE CURRAN, STEVE TAYLOR, JOHN RITSON (*Captain*), WILLIE MORGAN, TONY DUNNE

TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. ALEX JOHN HAMIL is a senior foreman in a Government workshop, is married, and has one son.

He started refereeing during 1959, in Wolverhampton Sunday Works and amateur football and became a linesman in the Midland Combination in 1961; he became a referee in the latter league two years later, and in 1965 joined the West Midlands League as a linesman.

Mr. Hamil was elected to the League linesmen's list in 1967, and in the same year

he became a referee in the West Midlands League. He took charge of the West Midlands League Cup Final (1972) and the Birmingham Senior Cup Final (1973). He was appointed to the full referees' roster of the Football League in 1974 after two years on the supplementary list, and was linesman for the Scotland v Ireland international (1974).

Mr. Hamil is interested in first aid and is a keen chess player. He also organises dances and football matches for charity.

This is his first refereeing appointment at Upton Park.

Visiting Manager



IAN GREAVES is a man who loves the open-air life, and even as a player with Manchester United he refused to live in the big city.

He was brought up on a smallholding in the village of Shaw, not far from Manchester, and gets away into the countryside whenever possible. He particularly likes the Lake District, and believes that a little solitude can do a lot of good in relaxing one from the hustle-and-bustle of everyday life.

Ian first played for Manchester United in 1952, and was one of the "Busby Babes" thrust into the limelight following the Munich air disaster that deprived the Old Trafford club of many players. He left United in 1960, and then had one season with Lincoln City and two with Oldham Athletic.

His major honours with United were a Division I championship medal (1956), and an F.A. Cup runners-up medal (1958).

Ian became manager of Huddersfield Town in 1968, and led them to a Division II championship in 1970. He had six years at Leeds Road before resigning, after what he says "were not very happy days."

A few weeks later he went to Plymouth Argyle as a coach with Tony Waiters, but within a month had been asked to return north as assistant manager to Bolton Wanderers under Jimmy Armfield.

When Jimmy moved to Leeds United in Nov. 1975, Ian was promoted to manager.

He immediately opted for **George Mulhall** as his assistant. The former Sunderland winger had spent two years as manager of Halifax Town, and they have since met with a lot of success.

Bolton Statistics

PAST HONOURS

Football League

Division I: Three times third place.

Division II: Champions 1908-9

Runners-up: 1899-1900, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1934-35

Division III: Champions 1972-73

F.A. Cup Finals

1894	Notts County	lost	1-4
1904	Manchester City	lost	0-1
1923	West Ham United	won	2-0
1926	Manchester City	won	1-0
1929	Portsmouth	won	2-0
1953	Blackpool	lost	3-4
1958	Manchester United	won	2-0

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

League: Division II: fourth

			W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	...	...	12	5	4	36	14	29
Away	...	...	8	7	6	28	24	23

20 12 10 64 - 38 52

Average attendance: 19,390

THIS SEASON'S RESULTS

LEAGUE	Home		Away				
Blackpool	0—3	Blackburn Rov.	1—3				
Bristol Rovers	1—0	Cardiff City	2—3				
Burnley	2—1	Carlisle United	1—0				
Charlton Ath.	1—0	Chelsea	1—2				
Fulham	2—1	Fulham	2—0				
Hull City	5—1	Hereford Utd.	3—3				
Luton Town	2—1	Notts County	1—0				
Millwall	3—1	Oldham Ath.	2—2				
Orient	2—0	Plymouth Arg.	1—1				
Nottm. Forest	1—1	Sheffield Utd.	3—2				
		Southampton	3—1				
		Wolves	0—1				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home ...	... 10	8	1	1	19	9	17
Away ...	... 12	5	3	4	20	18	13

LEAGUE CUP

ROUND 2	Bradford	...	A	2-1
ROUND 3	Fulham	...	A	2-2
Replay	Fulham	...	H	2-2
Replay	Fulham	...		2-1
	(at West Bromwich)			
ROUND 4	Swansea Town	...	A	1-1
Replay	Swansea Town	...	H	5-1
ROUND 5	Derby County	...	A	2-1
S.-Final	Everton (two legs, to be played)			

"Hammerings"

The Survivors

There are four (and possibly five) surviving members of the teams which contested the 1923 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

Bolton Wanderers' goalkeeper **Dick Pym** has now returned to his native Devon, and is living at Topsham. His full-back team-mate **Alec Finney** is still in Lancashire—at St. Helen's.

The remaining Hammers are forwards. Centre-forward **Vic Watson** is now at Girton in Cambridgeshire; winger **Jim Ruffell** lives at Stanfords-le-Hope, and we believe that **Billy Brown** may be in Canada, although we have had no news of him for some time. Jimmy is a regular visitor to our matches, and we expect him to be at Upton Park this afternoon.

Press Error

Our staff were busy last week-end answering telephone callers enquiring the kick-off time for Monday's match v West Bromwich Albion; it is to be regretted that some of these were abusive in tone, and blamed US for "changing" the kick-off time!

This arose because of an editorial error in the sports columns of the "**Stratford Express**," which wrongly gave the kick-off time as being at 7.30 p.m. instead of the advertised 3 p.m.

We made especial mention of our holiday kick-off times in several of our programmes earlier this season, and asked that these be duly noted. We also published the kick-off time in our First Team programme v Middlesbrough (Dec. 4) and Liverpool (Dec. 18)—with a further note which said "Please note kick-off time" in **bold letters**.

We regret any inconvenience to our patrons who gained an incorrect impression (and possibly missed the match if they did not verify the kick-off time). Unfortunately the matter was out of our hands (although we did especially advise TV and BBC sports commentators to stress the kick-off time). However, we suggest that in future it would be better for our patrons to check kick-off times with our programmes and match posters.

Incidentally, we were still receiving calls AFTER the game finished!

Thanks to our Ground Staff

Our thanks are due to the ground staff who worked so well last week-end in order that Monday's match v W.B.A. could take place.

Bearing in mind the Football League instructions about getting matches played if at all possible (in view of fixture congestion), we made every effort to provide the best available surface.

There was a prolonged pre-match discussion as to whether the game should be played, but the referee eventually decided it should go on. After the game he especially congratulated all those concerned.

Next Matches

Saturday 15 January 3 p.m.

CRYSTAL PALACE Res.

Football Combination

Saturday 22 January 3 p.m.

ASTON VILLA

Football League: Div. I

Casualty List

PAT HOLLAND is featured as our "Cover man" on today's back page.

Pat has been out of action since he sustained a leg injury against Bristol City at Ashton Gate on Sept. 18. He spent many weeks in plaster, and the expectation that his absence would be a long one has been (unhappily) fulfilled. However, he has recently been able to indulge in some training-work as a prelude for his return to our colours, and we hope to see him back in full action in the near future.

JOHN McDOWELL has also been missing from our First Team squad since August. He injured his knee during a pre-season game in Spain, and had a recurrence in his second try-out in the Reserves at the end of that month necessitating an operation.

John was expected to be out for three months, but unfortunately his absence has also proved longer than expected. Like Pat, his return would add a lot to our strength in depth which is so vital in these closing months of the season. He hopes to play in next Saturday's home game v Crystal Palace Reserves.

ALAN TAYLOR last played in our First XI in the match against Ipswich Town on Oct. 16, although he has had some try-outs in our Reserves since then. His foot has been in plaster for a couple of weeks, but he was due to resume training this week-end.

Brian Thomson

Our latest professional signing is **BRIAN THOMSON**, who has just joined us. He is a winger.

Brian played in the Northern Premier League for Morecambe (the club where Alan Taylor began his senior career) and had a trial in a friendly game for us. We paid a fee of around £2,000, with an agreement to increase this if Brian plays in 30 League games during the next three years.

Trevor Brooking on "Phone in"

Trevor Brooking will be "on the air" tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 11 a.m. in "Sports Line."

This is a "live" phone-in on **BBC Radio London**, and Trevor will be answering soccer questions put by listeners. This popular programme is of general interest to all soccer fans, and will cover not only the Hammers but also other facets of the game.

The number to ring is **01-486 7744**.

Norman de Mesquita will be in the chair, and as a matter of interest he is at this afternoon's game.

The "spot on the dial" is **206** metres (medium wave) or **94.9** (VHF).

John Radford

A welcome to **JOHN RADFORD** appeared in our issue of Dec. 29, but as the match was postponed we repeat his details on this occasion.

He was born in Pontefract, Yorks.

He joined the staff at Highbury as an apprentice in October 1962, signing full pro in Feb. 1964.

John made a total of 379 League appearances for Arsenal (netting 111 goals) and also played in nearly a hundred Cup ties. His grand total of 149 goals has only been exceeded by one Arsenal player—Cliff Bastin with 176.

Four England Under-23 caps in 1969 v Wales, Holland (twice) and Portugal and two full caps v Rumania (1969) and Switzerland (1972) are his international record.

John broke his toe last season, and this limited his League appearances to 15, during which he netted three times.

He transferred to the Hammers on 14 December 1976, and made his debut for Hammers four days after.

Pictures of John were featured in both previous issues of "Hammer."



HAMMERS 2 LIVERPOOL . . 0

Saturday 18 December 1976

Photos: Arthur Wilson

"Southend Evening Echo"

THE OLD ONE-TWO!

(above): **Amazing grace.** Trevor Brooking slides the ball past 'keeper Ray Clemence after beating two other players en route to our first goal.

(below): **The coup-de-grace.** Billy Jennings hits our second, four minutes before the end to round off a memorable afternoon.



Match Review

We had to wait until last Monday evening before completing a "write up" on the events of last week-end, and in view of weather conditions it was uncertain just how much space would be occupied on match reports because of possible postponements.

THREE GOOD POINTS

The programme of our postponed game on Dec. 29 gave appropriate praise to our First Team on its splendid victory over Liverpool in mid-December; and last Monday's issue of "*Hammer*" pointed out the merits of the hard-fought draw v Birmingham City at St. Andrew's on Boxing Day.

It was hoped that these successes would lead to further happy news in today's columns, but the New Year began rather unsatisfactorily with but one goal and one point from two matches.

TURNING POINT

The turning point of our match at White Hart Lane on New Year's Day was a penalty awarded on a linesman's decision six minutes after half-time.

Until then we were holding a one-nil margin gained in the second minute of the game; Trevor Brooking's free-kick from the side of the penalty area had eluded everybody in the box, and the ball went into the far side of the Spurs' net.

It was a heartening start, and we had visions of winning a "four-point game." These hopes could well have been realised had we capitalised on further opportunities shortly afterwards; but the chances went begging, and the exchanges then moved more to Spurs' advantage.

The homesters put on tremendous pressure in the half-hour before the interval, but our rearguard proved equal to the task in hand and we went off for the breather still leading.

John Radford sustained a hamstring injury and was substituted at half-time. This necessitated re-shuffling in our tactical line-up, but the Hammers were still well in the game until the opposition gained their equaliser. We considered it to be a somewhat harsh decision, and felt additionally aggrieved at being denied a possible similar award at the other end when the result was still in the balance.

The issue was eventually decided by the best goal of the contest, with a tremendous shot from John Duncan just after an hour's play.

Our team had to face increasingly appalling weather conditions, and with the wind at their tails Spurs were not letting up. But we came at them again in the last quarter-hour, and it was their turn to hold on. A point blank save by Pat Jennings prevented our equaliser, so we ended up by losing out on a game that might have gone either way.

BANK HOLIDAY BLANK

Last Monday's match at Upton Park was not one to set the adrenalin running through the veins of a 25,000-plus Bank Holiday attendance. It eventually faded off into a goalless draw that was low in entertainment value and interest for the majority of the 90 minutes.

Weather conditions necessitated a lot of work on the pitch in the early hours; but ice-chipping and sand-spreading eventually produced a surface that was reasonably playable, despite a patch of mud in front of the

West Stand that made that part of the pitch resemble a "hippo-wallow."

Obviously these conditions were partially responsible for a spate of misplaced passes, miskicks, etc., but there were a few ball-players around who showed that good soccer was still possible in such circumstances. Unfortunately this was not matched by the finishing, and so much good approach work went unrewarded that the press correspondents were truly at a loss to fill the larger spaces available because of a reduced schedule of games.

Veteran John Osborne produced a couple of splendid saves to keep a clean sheet at his end, but Mervyn Day was never really troubled by forays into his territory. In that respect we could claim to have the edge over Albion; but goals are "the name of the game," and our failure to find the net was too often due to the inability to complete moves to a logical conclusion.

Perhaps if we had scored just once it might have led to better things; but had we done so it could well have been that Albion would raise their game to equalise. They often encouraged the hopes of their fans by coming out quite fast from defensive positions, and with more steadiness might even have snatched an undeserved winner.

All in all it was a game in which we threw away a point rather than that Albion gained one.

- **The target of 36 points which COULD mean First Division safety must now be achieved by taking 23 points from our concluding 21 fixtures.**

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

We completely dominated play in our re-arranged fixture v Swindon Town at Upton Park on Dec. 20, and our defence was rarely troubled. However, some indifferent finishing and two great saves by goalkeeper Jim Barron kept the Hammers score-

less, so the Robins got away with a point from a goalless draw.

Misfortune struck our Reserves twelve minutes after the kick-off of their New Year's Day fixture v Norwich City at Upton Park. Bobby Ferguson came out for a diving clearance, but in doing so broke his arm as an attacker endeavoured to make contact with the ball which our 'keeper had already gathered.

Pat Creasey took over in goal, and Billy Lansdowne came on as substitute (he had a late "call up" after playing for the Youth Team in the morning).

Our deputy custodian had no chance with the shot which beat him soon after his take-over, and did very well during the remainder of the game. However, his endeavours were in vain, for although pulverising the opposition after the interval, we went scoreless for the second game in succession, the 0—1 reverse sending us to the foot of the table.

A series of postponed games has produced a back-log of fixtures, so we shall be arranging some mid-week engagements in the near future.

SOUTHERN JUN. FLOODLIT CUP

The Youth XI won by 4—2 against Southend United in the First Round at Upton Park on December 13, and we now have a home tie in the Quarter - Final v Wolverhampton Wanderers, date to be arranged.

The other Second Round ties are:

Derby County v Ipswich Town

Gillingham v Crystal Palace

Norwich City v Queens Park Rangers

STH. EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Watford opened the scoring in our game at their Woodside Stadium ground on New Year's Day, but we were on level terms before the interval. The second half went all our way, and three further goals brought a convincing 4—1 victory; our scorers were Billy Lansdowne (2) and Clive Beauchamp, and an "own goal."

The win took us three places up in the table.

Fixtures : Scorers : Attendances

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Div. I

Scorers

Attendance

Aug. 21	Aston Villa	A	0-4
23	Queens Park Rangers	H	1-0
28	Leicester City	H	0-0
Sept. 4	Stoke City	A	1-2
11	Arsenal	H	0-2
18	Bristol City	A	1-1
25	Sunderland	H	1-1
Oct. 2	Manchester City	A	2-4
6	Leeds United	H	1-3
16	Ipswich Town	H	0-2
23	Everton	A	2-3
30	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-3
Nov. 6	Tottenham Hotspur	H	5-3
10	Norwich City	A	0-1
20	Newcastle United	H	1-2
27	Manchester United	A	2-0
Dec. 4	Middlesbrough	H	0-1
18	Liverpool	H	2-0
27	Birmingham City	A	0-0
Jan. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-2
3	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-0
15	Queens Park Rangers	A	
19	Derby County	A	
22	Aston Villa	H	
Feb. 5	Leicester City	A	
12	Stoke City	H	
19	Arsenal	A	
26	Bristol City	H	
Mar. 5	Sunderland	A	
12	Manchester City	H	
19	Leeds United	A	
26	Ipswich Town	A	
Apr. 2	Everton	H	
8	Birmingham City	H	
9	Coventry City	A	
11	Norwich City	H	
16	Newcastle United	A	
23	Manchester United	H	
29	Middlesbrough	A	
May 7	Derby County	H	
14	Liverpool	A	
	Coventry City	H	

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Total Home Attendance 279,271
Average Home Attendance 25,388

Paddon	39,012
Taylor (A.)	31,668
Taylor (A.)	24,960
Jennings	19,131
Taylor (A.)	31,965
Jennings	28,932
Taylor (A.), own goal	24,319
Jennings	37,795
Bonds, own goal	21,909
Bonds, Brookings, Curbishley (A.), Jennings, Robson (B.)	24,534
Robson (B.)	23,163
Brookings, Jennings	19,856
Brookings	28,997
Brookings, Jennings	24,762
Brookings	21,324
Brookings	55,366
Brookings	20,184
Brookings	24,175
Brookings	39,978
Brookings	44,972
Brookings	25,236

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	23	14	4	5	39	21	32
Ipswich Town	20	12	6	2	39	19	30
Manchester City	21	9	10	2	28	16	28
Aston Villa	21	11	3	7	43	28	25
Newcastle United	19	9	6	4	32	22	24
Arsenal	20	9	6	5	37	30	24
Middlesbrough	21	9	6	6	17	20	24
Birmingham City	21	8	5	8	32	28	21
West Bromwich Alb.	20	7	7	6	28	24	21
Leicester City	22	5	11	6	26	32	21
Coventry City	19	7	6	6	25	23	20
Leeds United	20	6	8	6	25	26	20
Norwich City	20	7	5	8	22	27	19
Manchester United	19	6	6	7	31	29	18
Everton	20	6	6	8	31	38	18
Stoke City	19	6	5	8	12	22	17
Derby County	18	4	8	6	22	23	16
Tottenham Hotspur	20	5	5	10	27	41	15
Queens Park Rangers	18	5	4	9	21	28	14
Bristol City	18	4	5	9	17	22	13
West Ham United	21	4	5	12	20	34	13
Sunderland	22	2	6	15	13	34	9

F.A. CUP

Scorers

Attendance

Jan. 8	Bolton Wanderers	H	
	(Third Round)		

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Scorers

Attendance

Sept. 1	Barnsley	H	3-0
	(Second Round)		
Sept. 21	Charlton Athletic	A	1-0
	(Third Round)		
Oct. 27	Queens Park Rangers	H	0-2
	(Fourth Round)		

Holland 2, Paddon	17,889
Taylor (A.)	32,898
.....	24,565

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	16	12	2	2	29	4	26
Ipswich Town	17	11	2	4	39	17	24
Plymouth Argyle	18	8	7	3	28	21	23
Arsenal	17	8	6	3	24	16	22
Tottenham Hotspur	18	9	4	5	23	17	22
Norwich City	20	7	7	6	21	22	21
Bristol City	17	8	4	5	30	24	20
Hereford United	18	8	3	7	32	28	19
Queens Park Rangers	16	8	2	6	29	17	18
Leicester City	18	6	5	7	31	29	17
Birmingham City	16	4	9	3	14	12	17
Fulham	16	7	2	7	22	27	16
Southampton	17	6	4	7	23	31	16
Cardiff City	16	5	5	6	16	25	15
Crystal Palace	15	5	4	6	20	19	14
Oxford United	15	5	4	6	16	19	14
Reading	16	4	4	8	21	30	12
Swindon Town	13	2	6	5	9	14	10
Orient	11	3	3	5	13	14	9
Bristol Rovers	14	4	0	10	18	32	8
Luton Town	18	2	4	12	16	36	8
West Ham United	16	2	3	11	22	42	7

STH. EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	15	11	2	2	47	17	24
Chelsea	15	11	2	2	36	18	24
Tottenham Hotspur	14	7	4	3	27	17	18
Crystal Palace	13	6	4	3	28	17	16
Gillingham	14	6	4	4	25	22	16
Queens Park Rangers	13	6	3	4	24	20	15
Southend United	14	6	2	6	22	17	14
Arsenal	13	5	4	4	15	17	14
Norwich City	14	6	2	6	23	30	14
Portsmouth	11	5	3	3	30	18	13
Millwall	13	3	3	7	13	17	9
West Ham United	15	3	3	9	25	44	9
Fulham	11	2	4	5	15	15	8
Charlton Athletic	12	2	3	7	21	36	7
Watford	13	2	3	8	14	37	7
Orient	12	1	2	9	10	33	4

Goalscorers

Football League : Division I

Jennings 5, Brooking 4, Taylor (A.) 3, Bonds 2, Robson (B.) 2, Curbishley (A.) 1, Paddon 1, own goal 2.

Football League Cup

Holland 2, Paddon 1, Taylor (A.) 1.

Football Combination

Orhan 6, Pike 3, Hurlock 2, Jennings 2, Taylor (A.) 2, Ayris 1, W. Lansdowne 1, Martin 1, McGregor 1, Morgan 1, Robson (K.) 1, own goal 1.

F.A. Youth Cup : Hurlock 1.

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

W. Lansdowne 3, Beauchamp 2, P. Brignull 1, Horan 1, Morgan 1, A. Shirley 1.

S.E. Counties League : Div. I

Beauchamp 7, W. Lansdowne 6, Devlin 4, Morgan 3, D. Bassett 1, I. Gale 1, Horan 1, D. O'Connor 1, own goal 2.

Players' Appearances

	L	L.C.	C	T
John Ayris	3†	—	8	11
Anders Backman	—	—	1	1
Clive Beauchamp	—	—	1	1
Billy Bonds	21	3	—	24
Ron Boyce	—	—	2	2
Trevor Brooking	21	3	—	24
Paul Brush	—	—	15	15
Keith Coleman	11*	2	7	20
Pat Creasey	—	—	12*	12
Alan Curbishley	8*	1	3	12
David Danson	—	—	8	8
Stephen Davy	—	—	8*	8
Mervyn Day	21	3	—	24
Maurice Devlin	—	—	2	2
Alan Devonshire	7	1	6	14
Bobby Ferguson	—	—	9	9
Bill Green	15	2	2	19
Pat Holland	6	1	—	7
Tommy Horan	—	—	4	4
Terry Hurlock	—	—	10	10
Billy Jennings	16*	2	2	20
Frank Lampard	16	1	1	18
Bill Lansdowne	—	—	9†	9
Kevin Lock	15*	2	1	18
Alvin Martin	—	—	14	14
John McDowell	—	—	2	2
Mick McGiven	6*	2	7	15
Alex McGregor	—	—	4	4
Nicky Morgan	—	—	3	3
Yilmaz Orhan	3†	1	15	19
Anton Otulakowski	3*	—	2	5
Graham Paddon	12	3	1	16
Geoff Pike	5	—	11	16
John Radford	3	—	—	3
Martti Rissanen	—	—	1	1
Bryan Robson	12	—	—	12
Keith Robson	7*	1	6	14
Gary Sproul	—	—	1	1
Alan Taylor	10	2	3*	15
Tommy Taylor	21	3	1	25

L—League L.C.—League Cup
C—Combination T—Total

* one substitution † two substitutions
‡ three substitutions

Match Statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : Div. I

Dec. 18 v Liverpool at Upton Park

West Ham Utd.: Day, Lock, Lampard, Green, Taylor (T.), Bonds (*capt.*), Robson (K.), Radford, Jennings, Brooking, Robson (B.). *Sub.*: Otulakowski.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes (*capt.*), Keegan, McDermott, Heighway, Toshack (Case 70), Callaghan. 2-0 (H.T. 0-0). *Scorers*: Brooking (59), Jennings (86).

24,175. *Referee*: K. W. Baker (Rugby).

Dec. 27 v Birmingham City at St. Andrews

Birmingham City: Latchford (D.), Rathbone, Styles, Kendall (*capt.*), Gallagher, Page, Jones (G.), Francis, Burns, Hibbitt, Connelly. *Sub.*: Emmanuel.

West Ham Utd.: Day, Lock, Lampard, Green, Taylor (T.), Bonds (*capt.*), Robson (K.), Radford, Jennings, Brooking, Robson (B.). *Sub.*: Otulakowski.

0-0. 39,978. *Referee*: A. Porter (Bolton).

Jan. 1 v Spurs at White Hart Lane

Tottenham Hotspur: Jennings, Naylor, Gorman, Hoddle, Pratt, Osgood, Conn, Perryman (*capt.*), Duncan, Coates, Taylor. *Sub.*: Jones (C.).

West Ham Utd.: Day, Lock, Lampard, Green, Taylor (T.), Bonds (*capt.*), Robson (K.), Radford (Otulakowski 46), Jennings, Brooking, Robson (B.).

1-2 (H.T. 1-0). *Scorers*: Brooking (3), Osgood (51 pen.), Duncan (60).

44,972. *Referee*: K. Burns (Dudley).

Jan. 3 v W.B.A. at Upton Park

West Ham Utd.: Day, Lock, Lampard, Green, Taylor (T.), Bonds (*capt.*), Robson (K.), Devonshire, Jennings, Brooking, Robson (Bryan). *Sub.*: Curbishley (A.).

W.B.A.: Osborne, Mulligan, Robson (Bryan), Brown (Tony), Wile (*capt.*), Robertson, Martin, Treacey, Cross, Trewick, Johnston. *Sub.*: Brown (Alistair).

0-0. 25,236.

Referee: L. Shapter (Paignton).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Dec. 20 v Swindon Town at Upton Park

Ferguson, Coleman, Brush, Pike, Devonshire, Martin, Orhan, McGiven (*capt.*), Horan, Ayris, Robson (K.).

0-0.

Jan. 1 v Norwich City at Upton Park

Ferguson (W. Lansdowne), Coleman, Brush, Davy, Creasey, McGiven (*capt.*), Devonshire, Curbishley (A.), Orhan, Pike, Horan.

0-1 (H.T. 0-1).

Away Matches

**Saturday 15 January 3 p.m.
at QUEENS PARK RANGERS**

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Boys and O.A.P.: 50p

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME : 15p

**Wednesday 19 January 7.30 p.m.
at DERBY COUNTY**

The match postponed on Dec. 11 has been re-arranged as above. Admission details, etc., were in our programmes of Nov. 20 and Dec. 4.

**Saturday 5 February 3 p.m.
at LEICESTER CITY**

GROUND ADMISSION : £1.00

Seats available on day : £2.00, £1.50, £1.30

TICKET RESERVATIONS

£2.50 (Centre stand); £2.00 (Wing stand);

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Hammers' History

10 years ago . . .

7 Jan. 1967. A League match v Liverpool at Anfield, where we had won once and drawn three times in our four previous visits.

On this occasion we were unsuccessful, and Liverpool's 2—0 victory was the first of nine successive League wins against us on their ground. Peter Thompson was the architect of the Reds' success; he hammered at our goal, and apart from scoring twice, two more of his pile-drivers hit the woodwork. There was an attendance of 48,518, but many more fans saw us on "Match of the Day."

20 years ago . . .

5 Jan. 1957. A home tie in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup v Grimsby Town. This was the Mariners' second visit to Upton Park that season, as they had beaten us here by the only goal in a Second Division fixture.

On this occasion the 24,500 attendance saw us run up a 4—0 lead in the first hour, the scorers being John Smith (9 mins. and 57 mins.), Eddie Lewis (19) and John Dick (39). However, the Town fought back to score twice in a quarter-hour through Rafferty and Gerry Priestley, before Malcolm Musgrove more - or - less settled the issue; a late goal by Dick Conner made the final count 5—3, so we qualified to visit Everton in the Fourth Round.

30 years ago . . .

11 Jan. 1947. An F.A. Cup (Third Round) tie at home v Leicester City was an all-Second Division engagement. It was our first meeting with the Filberts in this competition.

The after-match report said: "*We had two-thirds of the play and scored one-third of the goals.*" Terry Woodgate was our scorer. The teams:

West Ham Utd.: Taylor, Corbett, Forde, Cater, Walker (R.), Small, Woodgate, Parsons, Payne, Hall, Bainbridge.

Leicester City: Calvert, Jones, Howe, W. Harrison, Smith (S.), King, Griffiths, Revie, Lee, Dewis, Adams.

Yes, the Revie was "Don" — the present England manager.

Off the Record

by **BILL REMFRY**, Hammers' "DJ"

Correspondence for **THIS** column only to :
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Here we go again, back on the Wembley trail! This one starts where the 1923 Final left off, but in much different circumstances.

I wonder how many people present here today attended the 1923 first-ever Wembley Final? Why not drop me a line with your 1923 Final memory (**please, excluding** the "White Horse" and crowds on the pitch!); the best stories will find a spot in later issues.

Meanwhile, League worries are temporarily shelved, and we can all enjoy another period of Cup fever, such as we have relished this past two years. Here's hoping for a superb win!

POST-HORN DAYS

A reminiscence of old times came in a letter from **Mr. Henry Carver** of Winchester Road, Southampton. He recently heard a band playing "*Post Horn Galop*," and says it took him back to the years when the Metropolitan Police Band supplied the music at Upton Park, and the trumpeter played this item from a position in the Directors' Enclosure at the front of C Block in the West Stand.

As far as we recall, the soloist was P.C. Snelling, and it was a great favourite with the fans. Perhaps we can get it featured by the present Band some time.



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PAT HOLLAND